



Benjamin Kenneth Wampler

November 2, 1917 - October 2, 2013

Big Stone Gap, VA

Benjamin Kenneth Wampler, 95, of Wampler Hollow Road, passed away on Wednesday (October 2, 2013) at Mountain View Medical Center in Norton, VA.

Mr. Wampler, who was affectionately known as "Fudge" was a lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap. He was a farmer and operated a sawmill. Kenneth served in the U. S. Army during WWII and was on one of the first ships that landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day. He was wounded after six weeks and received a purple heart, bronze star and seven other awards while serving with the 116th Infantry and the 29th Division. He was most proud of the Presidential Unit Citation which he received for extraordinary heroism.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine Johnson Wampler; a son, Ben K. Wampler, Jr.; his parents, Benjamin Patrick and Myrtle (Slemp) Wampler; three sisters and two brothers.

Surviving are his son, David Henry Wampler and wife, Linda; daughter, Georgann Wampler; daughter-in-law, Elece Wampler; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will be conducted at 3 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Bill Hughes and Pastor Rick Phillips officiating.

Burial will follow in the Wampler Family Cemetery.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Wampler family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin Kenneth Wampler*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *I am sorry for the loss of Kenneth. I thank you Georgann for all the days and nights you gave to care for your father, these past years. You was a faithful daughter to the end. I hope the stars in your crown shine bright.*
Cathy Smith

Cathy Smith - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM



“ *Georgann, David, and Family.....I was so sorry to learn of the passing of Uncle Kenneth. I have fond memories of him as I was growing up....he and Uncle Edgar did lots of hay work and my father "volunteered" me several times to be a laborer getting the bales transported and placed in barns. When I returned to the area after Air Force service, he was very helpful with several projects involving his saw mill. Uncle Kenneth was always very friendly and helpful.*

I will be out of town on Saturday and will not be able to be present for the funeral. Do know that I will have you in my thoughts and prayers.

Ron Ely

Ron H. Ely - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

JD

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. He was a precious friend of ours. Many happy memories we will always cherish close to our hearts. We pray comfort and blessings on the family as you walk through this difficult time in your life. We love you all and if you need us for anything just let us know!!

Jerry & Judy Durham - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

SH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Hold to your memories and the good times. May God give you peace and comfort.

Sandra Reasor Hunt - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

FS

“ Mike and I were so sorry to hear about Uncle Kenneth passing. I always looked forward to coming to Big Stone Gap in the spring and fall to see him. I loved to hear him laugh and tell some of his stories. He will be greatly missed.

Frankie and Mike Simmons - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

SC

“ Eddie sorry to hear about your grandfather always enjoyed going down to his sawmill and looking at his big M tractor and big New Holland square haybailer he will be missed.

Scott Chesnutt - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

RT

“ Dave, Linda and all Fudge's family: We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We are praying that God will comfort you and give you His peace during this difficult time.

ram and cindie tankersley - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

RB

“ *Kenneth was always a good neighbor to our family. Praying for peace and comfort for the family.* ”

Raymond & Martha Ballard - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM

LP

“ *Benjamin Kenneth Wampler* ”

Lois Wade Porter - December 10, 2013 at 08:08 AM